

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the thorough examination of the present application. This is a full and timely response to the outstanding Office Action mailed January 24, 2006.

Upon entry of the amendments in this response, claims 1, 4-6, and 10-14 remain pending. In particular, Applicant has amended claims 1 and 5 without waiver, disclaimer or prejudice. Independent claims 1 and 5 each recites the limitation of "a compensation structure extending from at least one of the gate and the gate line." Support for the amendments can be found at various portions of the application. By way of example, Figs. 3A and 3B show a compensation structure 102a/102b extending from the gate G and the gate line 102. Accordingly, no new matter has been added. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

The Office Action has set forth an election of species requirement alleging that the application is directed to three patentably distinct species of invention. Applicant provisionally elects the first species, illustrated in FIGS. 3A and 3B, with traverse. In this regard, MPEP § 803 explicitly states that, if search and examination of two or more inventions can be made without "serious burden," the Examiner must examine each on the merits even if the claims are directed to distinct or independent inventions. In the present application, the Examiner has already performed a search and substantive examination of all claims. In this regard, a substantive Office Action was mailed in September 2005, which evaluated and examined all claims. Therefore, there is clearly no "serious burden" on the Examiner, as the search has already been conducted.

Additionally, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1 and 5 are generic claims comprising a compensation structure extending from at least one of the gate and the gate line.

Also, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 11 is a generic claim comprising a compensation structure connecting the gate.

Again, in response to this election requirement, Applicant elects the first species corresponding to the first embodiment of Figs. 3A and 3B directed to a compensation structure extending from at least one of the gate and the gate line:

Applicant's election is listed in the following table, which indicates that claims 1, 4-6, and 10-14 read on the elected species.

	Elected Species	Figures	Claims
1st	A compensation structure extending from at least one of the gate and the gate line	Compensation structure of Figs. 3A and 3B extending from the gate G and the gate line 102	claims 1, 4-6 and 10-14

CONCLUSION

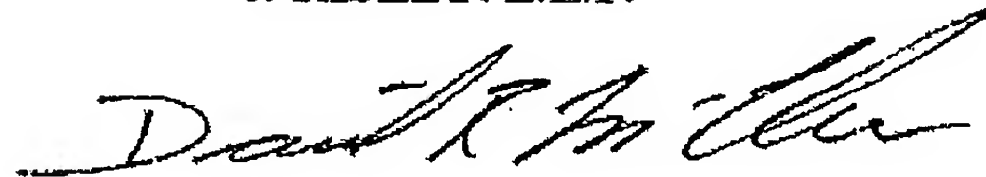
It is believed that all pending claims are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with this amendment and response to Office Action. If, however, any fee is believed to be due, you are hereby authorized to charge any such fee to deposit account No. 20-0778.

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